

# Cruisin' Through Construction



Interstate 215 Widening Project, San Bernardino

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## City Council Approves Revitalization Plans

The City of San Bernardino and its Economic Development Agency (EDA) are one step closer to making Downtown revitalization plans a reality!

On June 1, voting members of the City Council unanimously approved for staff to proceed with implementing the San Bernardino Downtown Core Vision / Action Plan.

For months, the EDA gathered comments from development experts, businesses, local government, and the community to develop a plan to revitalize Downtown. The I-215 Widening Project is a cornerstone of the plan that improves access and mobility through the area. Highlights include:

- Civic/Government Center off 2<sup>nd</sup> Street
- Theatre District anchored by the historic California Theatre and new Maya Theatre
- Redevelopment of the Carousel Mall into a new commercial district
- Education/research and development campus
- Transit hub for service buses, rapid transit, and rail plans

San Bernardino can look forward to the first of many changes in Winter 2009 with the opening of the Maya Theatre, located at E and 4<sup>th</sup> streets, previously the Cinema Star building.

## Project Questions?

For questions or to request a presentation about the widening of Interstate 215, call the toll-free helpline, **1-877-215-NEWS.**



## Temporary Bridge Structure Placed In Phase 2 Construction Area

Caltrans and MCM Construction remain focused on work between Orange Show Road and Inland Center Drive. In June, Caltrans had two full freeway closures that allowed for temporary bridge structure to be erected at Inland Center Drive. Although the on- and off-ramps are currently closed, Inland Center Drive remains open to thru traffic during construction.



Crews continue work on Inland Center Drive connector.

During the month of July, work will continue between Orange Show Road and Inland Center Drive, including the widening of Mill Street.

Monthly meetings between Caltrans, local merchants and emergency personnel continue to provide construction updates and to address any concerns. The meetings are held on the third Thursday of every month at the Caltrans Annex building at 655 West Second Street in San Bernardino.

For planned lane and ramp closures within Phase 2, please visit the Caltrans Web site at [www.caltrans8.info](http://www.caltrans8.info). For your safety and that of the workers, please SLOW FOR THE CONE ZONE.

## Local Businesses Open During Construction

Although construction work is spanning the southern half of I-215 through San Bernardino, businesses remain open during construction. Please be sure to consider the following businesses among others while searching for services in the cities of San Bernardino and Colton:

**El Burrito** – 920 N. Mount Vernon Avenue, Colton (909) 825-3292  
Serving the community for more than half a century, El Burrito is a family-owned and operated restaurant well-known for its authentic, homemade California-Mexican style cuisine. Open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and closed Sundays

**#1 Store Mini Mart** – 841 South Inland Center Drive (909) 888-2807  
This mini mart serves as San Bernardino's one-stop shop for all your small needs. Whether it be candy, drinks, or lottery tickets, the #1 Store Mini Mart has everything you need. Open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.



The I-215 widening project is a partnership among San Bernardino Associated Governments, the California Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration and the City of San Bernardino.

